

Town of Groton, Connecticut Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road Groton, CT 06340-4394 Town Clerk 860-441-6640 Town Manager 860-441-6630

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Christine Conley, Representatives Karin Adams, Jean-Claude Ambroise, Joseph Baril, Alicia Bauer, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, John A. Espada, Robert M. Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Conrad F. Heede, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Matthew G. Longino, Jim Loughlin, Lisa M. Luck, Brandon Marley, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Scott Meyer, Douglas Monaghan, Karen Morton, Kathy Neugent, Scott Newsome, Juliette M. Parker, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Shawn Powers, John F. Scott IV, Richard Semeraro, Bill Smith, Judith Strode, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Fred Turnbull, Patricia Wagner, Lori A. Watrous, Ivy R. Williams and Jonathan E. Wilson

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center

Regular Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2014
- D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

This is the portion of the RTM agenda where the RTM welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be limited to matters pertinent to Groton. The Moderator, or members through the Moderator, shall ask questions only in order to clarify the speaker's presentation. Responses may be given by the Moderator and/or by the Town Manager. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

- E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS
- F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER
 - 1. Financial report
 - 2. Monthly briefing
- G. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
- H. LIAISON REPORTS
- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. FINANCE Chairman Granatosky
 - 2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES -Chairman Semeraro
 - 3. EDUCATION Chairman Swindell
 - 4. RECREATION Chairman Svencer
 - 5. PUBLIC SAFETY Chairman Pasqualini
 - 6. PUBLIC WORKS Chairman Heede
 - 2014-0327 Noank School Demolition

NOANK SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Legislative History

11/19/2014 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

11/24/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed

the Whole

Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works, explained that there were many bidders for the Noank School demolition project, but the bids were higher than what was budgeted. The project consists of installation of reconstruction fencing, asbestos abatement, removal of trees and brush, removal of concrete and parking near the building, removal of the underground fuel tank, and backfill of the site. The contractor will have three months to complete the project. Salvageable items will be separated and materials will be disposed of at appropriate sites. The Town Council and RTM approved \$480,000 in FYE 2015. Mr. Schneider described how the demolition cost estimate was originally determined. The current low bidder came in at \$539,000. If the Council approves a supplemental appropriation, Mr. Schneider will seek a formal extension of the bid. If the supplemental appropriation is not approved, the project will be put in the FYE 2016 CIP for Town Council and RTM consideration.

Discussion followed on the difficulties involved in salvaging a portion of the building and the fact that it would cost more than demolition. It was also noted that the cost of asbestos abatement will likely escalate.

11/24/2014 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a the Whole Resolution

A motion to amend the motion to appropriate \$60,000 instead of \$125,000 was made by Councilor Cerf. There was no second.

Mr. Schneider explained the need for the extra funding for contingency and abatement monitoring.

Councilor Watson suggested that Councilors attend the RTM meeting to support the supplemental appropriation.

Councilor Cerf voiced her objection to the motion because she feels that the Town should appropriate a lesser amount for the project.

12/2/2014 Town Council Deleted from Referral List -

Action to be taken

12/2/2014 Town Council Adopted and referred under

Rule 6.5.3

12/2/2014 Town Council Adopted and referred under Representative Town Meeting

Rule 6.5.3

7. RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Ambroise

- J. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS
- K. OTHER BUSINESS
- L. ADJOURNMENT